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MR. WHITE: Gentlemen, we have no releases.

One little item: Eight of the ten United States delegates to the 12th Session of the forthcoming General Conference of UNESCO will be sworn in tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. in the diplomatic reception room on the seventh floor. The other two members of the delegation are in Paris and California respectively.

Anybody that wants a list of those who will be sworn in, I have it right here.

The UNESCO Conference will be held in Paris, November 9-December 12. We will have a detailed press release covering the swearing in tomorrow, tomorrow.

That's all I have, gentlemen.

Q Line, what can you tell us about all of the secret meetings over the week-end?

A I have no comment.

Q What time was the Secretary at his desk this morning?

A I don't know. He generally gets in around 8:30.

Q Is he going through with the appointments

as listed on the schedule, so far as you know, Linc?

A So far as I know.

Q He didn't cancel anything over the week-end did he, to join the parade?

A Not that I am aware of.

Q Do you know of any additional appointments likely to come up besides those announced?

A We will just have to wait on that. I don't know.

Q Will the Secretary be at the White House this afternoon for the meeting of Congressional leaders?

A I am sorry, I don't know the answer to that.

Q Do you know whether he was over there this morning, Linc? Or did somebody ask you that?

A No. I do not know.

Q Are we going to ask for an OAS Council Meeting?

A Plans for an OAS Council Meeting?

Q Today, or tomorrow?

A None that I am aware of, unless my colleagues can correct me here.

Q Is there any intention to brief NATO diplomats on some forthcoming move?

[Laughter]

A We brief NATO diplomats quite regularly.

Q Has Rusk conferred with the British, French and West Germany, and other NATO diplomats, yesterday or today?

A Not to my knowledge. No.

Q Is there anything you could tell us, or any comment you might have on the Communist Chinese-India righting?

A Nothing, other than what I gave people yesterday; namely, that in this situation our sympathies lie entirely with India.

Q Do you have any formal request for any kind of help?

A None. None that I am aware of.

Q Has the Nationalist Chinese Ambassador been called in or been consulted in any way in this crisis--this Chinese-India thing?

A Not to my knowledge, No.

Q Everything abnormal?

Q Are there any indications that you could tell us about that Cuba has obtained light bombers?

A I have no comment.

Q I didn't hear the question.

A The question was whether I have any information on Cuba obtaining light bombers. I said I had no comment.

Q Do you have any information on whether Cuba has obtained any weapons which could be construed as offensive in any way?

A I have no comment.

Q Anybody else want to try?

Q A side issue on Cuba. Our old friend ALPHA 66 was saying last night they planned to go down to blow up a British ship.

A Yes.

As I pointed out previously, the United States Coast Guard and the Immigration and Naturalization Service continue to make every effort to prevent incidents based on US territory from taking place. The United States does not condone such attacks, but, as I have said earlier, this Government cannot be responsible for such actions which originate from outside US territorial jurisdiction. Should any raids or attacks begin--

Q Should any--

A Should any raid or attacks begin from United States territory, the question of whether US laws have been violated must be determined by the Department of Justice.

Q Line, any reason why the calling off of maneuvers down in Vieques for tomorrow?

A I have not been filled in on this.

Q Do you have anything coming up this afternoon? Do you know?

A Nothing that I know of at the moment.

Q Thank you very much.

A You're very welcome, sirs.

[Whereupon at 12:18 p.m., the press conference was concluded.]

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